

## MANY FALL IN CLASH OF WAR

Eight Thousand Belgians and Germans Killed in Engagement.

## INVADERS REPULSED

Refinements Wiped Out—Not One Remained Alive in Party that Broke Past the Fortifications.

Ten thousand dead and wounded German and Belgian soldiers and a repulsed German army are the results of an all-day battle near Liege, a Belgian city close to the German and Dutch frontiers, according to a dispatch from Brussels today.

German losses at Vise were 3,500 in killed and wounded and fully double that number were lost at Liege and vicinity.

Fighting of the fiercest character is still in progress, the Germans having renewed their attempt to cross the Meuse river at daylight today. Hundreds of Germans have been taken as prisoners.

General Von Emmich, the German commander, is said to be directing the operations against Liege in person. Additional reinforcements are reported coming to his assistance. King Albert will take supreme command of the army in the field today.

It is reported that the German reinforcements include an additional army corps and three brigades of engineers and artillery.

The King has been advised that the German crown prince is en route to the front to assume personal command of the army of invasion.

It is expected that Germany will now concentrate her entire army, that had headquarters at Cologne, in the movement across Belgium. The French forces, which effected a junction with the Belgians yesterday, are moving toward Liege.

Hundreds of German wounded are arriving at Maestricht, Holland, today. Part of the wounded are being taken to the Red Cross Hospital at Maestricht by automobile.

Maestricht is the capital of the province of Limburg. It is on the left bank of the Meuse, fifty-six miles east of Brussels.

At Liers, today, according to Brussels, the German army sustained another defeat.

Two regiments of cavalry attempted a night surprise of the Belgian position. The Belgian artillery, entrenched behind the strong fortifications at Fort Liers, repulsed the invaders with heavy losses. Liers is a strongly fortified city about ten miles southwest of Vise, where the Germans have established a base.

Brussels, via Paris August 6.—Several thousand dead and wounded is the toll paid by the German army at the Meuse for its attack on Liege. The Belgians made a heroic defense, repulsing the Germans after heavy and continues fighting.

The fortifications afforded admirable resistance to German shells. Evigne Fort, which was in action all day, was absolutely unharmed. The Belgian aviators proved every whit as good as the Germans.

The fortified position of Liege had to support on Wednesday the general shock of the German attack. The Belgian forts resisted the advance fiercely and did not suffer. One Belgian squadron attacked and drove back six German squadrons.

Eight hundred wounded Germans are being transferred to the city of Liege, where they will be cared for. The Germans committed reprisals against the civil population of the town of Vise, eight miles north-east of Liege, burning the city and shooting many of the residents.

Prior to the attack on Liege, General Von Emmich, commanding the German army of the Meuse, issued a proclamation, calling for an open road through Belgium for the advance of his forces and suggesting that prudence would show it to be the duty of the Belgian people to accede to this, in order to avoid the horrors of war.

The Belgian War Office announces.

that the fighting was fierce in the environs of Liege, and that so far as the Belgians were concerned the situation is excellent.

"The Germans," the announcement says, "were driven back by an heroic attack made by a Belgian mixed brigade which already had earned for itself the highest honors. No German who passed the fort survived."

## NEWS OF THE DAY

The big black eagle above the door of the German consulate at Vancouver, British Columbia, was torn from its support yesterday by a crowd which threatened the consulate with destruction. Having thrown down the insignia of Germany and trampled on it, the crowd broke a little glass and defaced the signs on the consulate doors and then left. Immigration and military officers at Vancouver are preparing to stop all German and Austrian subjects who may endeavor to flee to the United States.

Summary action by the United States government probably will prevent the sailing of the Vaterland from New York today. A revenue cutter has notified the port captains of all the liners flying the flags of warring countries that their ships must not leave without due notice and without a statement to the government as to the nature of the cargoes. This move followed information that the Vaterland was secretly preparing to slip from her dock some time during the early morning hours to carry reserves back to Germany.

It is reported in London that Germany has sent an ultimatum to Italy demanding within twelve hours a definite statement as to that nation's intentions with regard to living up to its part in the agreement of the Triple Alliance.

## GERMANY FORCED WAR.

Kaiser Rejected Peace Terms of Sir Edward Grey.

London, August 6.—The Times today says:

"Important disclosures bearing on recent diplomatic history are expected in the House of Commons. Sir Edward Grey is likely to make statements surpassing in gravity those contained in his speech of Monday, and it is probable that diplomatic papers to be laid on the table of the House will throw an unexpected light on the motives that have inspired the aggressive action of Germany."

"There is reason to believe that the main object of Germany's action is the acquisition of French colonies, and that as the price of British neutrality Germany was prepared to give assurances that no French territory would be annexed."

"The British government declined to lend itself to the betrayal of France, in which, under these conditions, British neutrality would have been involved."

"It is stated that, in his intense desire to maintain peace, the British foreign secretary went almost to unprecedented lengths in order to offer the German government an opportunity of avoiding a European war on honorable terms."

"Not only did Germany fail to avail herself of this opportunity, but adopted a course of action which made war inevitable."

"In competent diplomatic quarters it is now regarded as proved that the German government has been deliberately working for war for weeks. All its assurances of its pacific intentions have been carefully calculated."

## TO PAY NICARAGUA \$3,000,000.

Treaty for Perpetual Inter-oceanic Canal Rights Signed.

Washington, August 6.—Secretary Bryan and General Chamorro, the Nicaraguan Minister, has signed the treaty to pay \$3,000,000 to the Central American republic for perpetual inter-oceanic canal rights and naval bases in the Gulf of Fonseca.

It is framed along lines Mr. Bryan has outlined to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and is taken to have the approval of that body.

Hard soft and Devilish Crabs at Rammels Cafe

## FIGHTING ALONG FRENCH BORDER

Nancy Filled with Wounded Soldiers from Yesterday's Battle.

## GERMANS BOTTLED UP

Servia Assumes the Aggressive—England Accepts Australian Navy—Marooned Americans.

Paris, August 6.—Fighting continues all along the Franco-German frontier. Scouting parties in force are meeting everywhere. Nancy is reported filled with German and French wounded and arrangements are being made to send them to hospital camps to be established.

The war office claims that no hostile German force has passed the outer line of forts, although there are many in the six-mile strip inside of the frontier line.

Harwich, August 6.—More German and British wounded from various naval engagements in the North sea were brought to Harwich today. All say there has been no engagement of consequence. British warships are confining their activities to keeping the German fleet bottled up around Kiel. The only German vessels so far seen have been torpedo boats, destroyers and mine layers.

Hull, England, August 6.—The fishing fleet has made port reporting that it sighted no German warships. This confirms the belief of the naval experts that the entire German battle fleet, with the exception of scout cruisers and destroyers, is massed near the German shore line and under the guns of the land forts.

Rome, August 6.—Dispatches from Nish say Servia will henceforth assume the aggressive against Austria. Servian troops have already established a temporary base at Delarino, Austria. The Austrian troops have not yet succeeded in crossing the river Save.

London, August 6.—England officially announced tonight that she has accepted the Australian offer to furnish a navy and pay for its maintenance.

Five hundred Americans are marooned in Carlsbad, Austria, one of the greatest health resorts and tourist cities in continental Europe. They are all well and suffering no inconvenience, according to a message received by the State Department.

## FRIENDLY REPRESENTATIONS.

Carranza Requests United States to Withdraw Ships.

Washington, August 6.—General Carranza, constitutional leader, has requested the United States "in a friendly way," to withdraw the American fleet from Mexican waters. State Department officials stated today. Orders directing return of the American squadron are being considered.

"Orders are in contemplation for the withdrawal of a few of the battleships now in Mexican waters, but they have no relation to the European situation," Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt declared today. These orders may be issued in a very short time, he said, but he would not state what battleships may be withdrawn.

Carranza made "friendly representations," it was said, for retirement of American warships in the interest of peaceful transfer of power from Provisional President Carranza. Withdrawal of General Funston's military forces from Vera Cruz was not requested, it was stated, and no orders for their return are in contemplation.

Secretary Daniels is said to be opposed to removing the whole warship flotilla in Mexico, although no officers are urging such action.

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## AMERICANS IN LONDON.

Wealthy Men Purchase Steamer and Will Furnish Transportation.

London, August 6.—The panic among the thousands of Americans stranded in London was partially relieved yesterday when it was announced that a few of the wealthy men caught here with their countrymen by the outbreak of war, would purchase the steamer Viking, 8,500 tons, and having cabin accommodations for 400 passengers. The Viking will sail from Liverpool for New York on Monday, August 10. The committee invited Americans in distress to file applications for bookings at their headquarters at the Savoy Hotel.

Another steamer of the Viking Line will leave later, carrying Americans without funds, the tariff for whose transportation will be nominal.

The Great Eastern Railway Company has issued a notice stating that the company would accept any cash express company's checks, travelers' checks and similar paper all day Thursday, but that no more than \$50 would be given to any individual.

The American Citizens' Committee is doing Herculean work to provide temporary relief for the men and women who are actually suffering from want of proper food and shelter to obtain sufficient steamship accommodations to get them all home as speedily as possible. Eighty thousand other Americans are known to be trying to get out of the Continent to make their way to London. Worse still, it is known that there are 50,000 other Americans scattered from Norway to Greece, who are so far away from any chance of transportation that their plight must be absolutely desperate.

These figures are based on the known fact that 100,000 Americans crossed the ocean this summer, and that only 20,000 returned before the outbreak of hostilities between Austria and Servia. Ten thousand Americans are stranded in London.

## WILL BENEFIT AMERICA.

European War Makes Outlook For United States Bright.

New York, August 6.—Thomas A. Eddy, vice president of the America Trading Company of 25 Broad St., declares the outlook for America to be exceedingly bright.

"It is true that export trade is absolutely paralyzed," he said, "and the effect of continued failure of foreign trade would be disastrous to American merchants and manufacturers. But it may be said with utter confidence that the paralysis is due simply of temporary derangement of means of transportation."

"Already this condition is being remedied. The government, the bankers and the Foreign Trade Council are among the agencies at work to obtain the three things necessary to preserve foreign commerce—transportation, the negotiation of exchange and insurance."

"It is unthinkable that Europe will permit itself to be starved to death when the means of sustenance abound here. The great mass of American goods awaiting export is simply bound to get out, either in our own bottoms through the creation of an efficient merchant marine, or through some arrangement with the powers that will protect our shipments."

"The moment the derangement is repaired the effect on American prosperity will be electrical. Germany, one of our greatest competitors in trade, will be practically destroyed from a commercial standpoint. Production abroad will diminish to the vanishing point and American mills, factories and farms will be working night and day to supply the demand."

"It is true that the great tide of exports will tend to raise food prices here, but more work, higher wages, an incoming flood of money and inevitable prosperity are bound to result, more than offsetting any rise in the prices of food."

"Not the least advantage will be the permanent foothold in foreign markets gained by the United States while other nations are fighting instead of working."

The Federal Trade Commission bill, the first of the administration's three anti-trust bills to be considered by the Senate, was passed yesterday evening by a vote of 53 to 16.

## MRS. WILSON IS NEARING DEATH

Wife of President Sufferer from Bright's Disease Recently.

## HUSBAND AT HER SIDE

Physicians in Attendance Hold Out No Hopes of Her Recuperating from Dread Malady.

Washington, August 6.—The life of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, wife of the President, was hanging by a slender thread today. The first bulletin regarding her condition, issued at 7 o'clock, stated that she had had a slight rally early this morning, after a fairly restful night, but that little hope was entertained for her recovery.

Mrs. Wilson was continually lapsing from consciousness into coma all night and this morning, and the physicians were compelled to use oxygen to keep her heart action stronger.

The President today canceled all engagements, to remain beside his wife every moment.

Mrs. Wilson is suffering from chronic kidney trouble, but is making a brave fight. This is the substance of an official statement issued today by Dr. Grayson. Her condition this morning shows improvement over yesterday afternoon, he said. Dr. Grayson added that the President "is bearing up wonderfully."

The President spent a tireless all-night vigil at the bedside. It was reported he snatched a few hours of broken rest on a couch in the sick room. He did not remove his clothing all night, it was said, merely taking off his coat and relaxing. It was doubtful if he slept at all.

Dr. Gary Grayson the President's aide and physician, also spent the night in the sick room, assisted by Dr. R. M. Kennedy, of the navy. The latter had charge of administering stimulants.

A consultation of the entire staff of attending physicians, six in all, was ordered for today. These consisted of Drs. Grayson and Kennedy, and Drs. Edward Parke Davis and F. R. Dercum, of Philadelphia, and Drs. Thomas Brown, and Barker, a specialist of Johns Hopkins, Baltimore.

Dr. Grayson expressed hope early this morning that the crisis, reached during the night and continuing early today, might be safely passed for a few days. It was stated that Mrs. Wilson, through the aid of stimulants, might linger several days. Her generally weakened condition, however, militated against such hope.

After effects of a fall Mrs. Wilson sustained on a slippery floor in the White House last March, compelling a slight operation, and a complication of nervous diseases and Bright's disease were said to be the ailments of the "first lady of the land."

Until two weeks ago her condition had not become alarming. Since then she failed rapidly. The President has spent every spare moment at her bedside.

A German torpedo boat was sunk by a boiler explosion in the Baltic Sea off Gedser yesterday. Thirty men were drowned.

## FINE WATERMELONS.

I have just received 2,500 choice watermelons by the schooner East Lynne, from the lower river. They are now on sale at the dock between King and Prince streets.

C. H. McKENNEY.

## NOTICE.

A stated convocation of Mount Vernon, Royal Arch Chapter, No. 14, will be held FRIDAY EVENING, August 7, 1914, at 7:30 o'clock. A full attendance is desired.  
A. G. UHLER, Secretary.  
Work—S. and R. and M. C. M.

## LOCAL BREVITIES.

A colored boy entered the residence of Thomas Elliott at Cottage Park, last night, and took an iron safe containing some important papers, but which the boy thought contained money, out into a nearby field and broke it open. The papers were recovered.

A meeting of the Columbia Steam Fire Engine Company was held last night.

For baby's sake use LIMOL powder.

The Holy Name Society Band gave their annual excursion to Colonial Beach today. It was largely attended. The band gave a street parade last night and played at several points on King street.

The regular monthly meeting of the City School Board will be held tonight.

## HAND ORGANS BANISHED.

Chief of Police Directs Music Grinders to Cease Operations on Streets.

Richmond, August 6.—Orders directing the police to stop organ grinders on the streets of the city, were issued from the office of Chief Werner yesterday. The grinders have come to the notice of the department several times of late due to numerous complaints registered against them by various citizens. The S. P. C. A. first asked that their monkeys be taken from them, and this was done. Then residents asked that the hours during which they might be allowed to play be limited to those between 9 in the morning and 9 in the evening. The order issued yesterday banishes them from Richmond entirely.

## WAR STOPS IN MEXICO.

President Carranza And General Carranza Reach Agreement.

Mexico City, August 6.—Provisional President Carranza and Gen. Venustiano Carranza, head of the Constitutional movement, reached a full agreement concerning the turning over of the Government to the Constitutionalists. It is expected that a general amnesty will be declared at an early date. Hostilities were suspended today.

At the close of a conference between President Carranza and General Velasco, the Minister of War, the official announcement was made that Carranza would grant the President's request concerning guarantee and that a peace pact probably would be ratified at a Cabinet meeting to be held soon.

President Carranza and General Velasco began their conference at noon today and discussed the question whether it would be better to turn over the capital to the Constitutionalists unconditionally or resist their entry by forces of arms. In political circles it was declared that General Velasco was in favor of evacuating the city.

A proclamation by General Robles and Dominguez, personal representative of Carranza, was published in all the morning newspapers today and created a good impression. The document guaranteed the peaceful entry of the conquering army.

Mazatlan, via. Oates, Sinaloa, August 6.—The German cruiser Leipzig, whose presence in Pacific waters has caused anxiety to British and French ship owners, sailed from this port Monday.

Nothing is known here of the whereabouts of the German cruiser Nürnberg, last reported as having cleared from Honolulu, ostensibly for German Samoa. The British gunboat Albatross is still at anchor in the harbor. Quite possibly she will intern here, in a neutral port, as she has practically no offensive or defensive powers.

Evacuation is proceeding slowly. General Iturbide is sending, at his personal expense, provisions for the relief of the starving city. All the refugees aboard both the British and German men-of-war have been delivered aboard the California, which is now caring for 130.

After entering Mazatlan General Iturbide plans to hasten to Queretaro, where he will rendezvous with the forces of General Obregon.

LOST — Yesterday afternoon, on King, between Royal and Columbus, small package containing baby clothes. Reward if returned to Fred Boyd, 623 South Fairfax St.

## MRS. HALL REPEATS STORY OF MURDER

Relates to Jury Circumstances Surrounding Death of Husband.

## PROVES GOOD WITNESS

Other Evidence to Be Introduced by Prosecution Which Will, It Is Said, Cause Sensation.

Louisa, Va., August 6.—Central figure in the most sensational drama of mystery and tragedy that has ever invaded the quiet precincts of Louisa County, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Hall charged with the murder of her husband, went upon the witness stand yesterday afternoon, and in an easy monotone narrated her oft-repeated story of the murder.

She was calm and collected, with no tremor in her voice or quiver on her lips. A dead silence fell upon the crowded courtroom as she began to speak, and court and spectators listened in an endeavor to catch her every word. The accused woman though she spoke as a disinterested and impartial observer of the events leading up to and following the murder, appeared to make a good impression on the twelve men who are to determine whether she be guilty or innocent, and she undoubtedly made a good witness and told her story well.

The cross-examination had barely begun when the hour of adjournment came, and Commonwealth's Attorney Bibb announced that at least three hours would be taken to finish cross-examining her. It is expected that the case will have so far progressed tomorrow afternoon that the jury will be able to visit the scene of the murder then and that the argument will be made on Friday.

As she left the stand, Mrs. Hall approached the newspaper men, catching the watchful eye of Attorney R. Lindsay Gordon, and said, "I hope you will tell the truth now."

"You made a good witness for yourself," they replied, encouragingly.

"Well," she answered, "I have nothing to fear."

Mrs. Hall's defense was inestimably damaged by the testimony and attitude of the father of her alleged victim on the stand yesterday, according to the opinion of those in the courtroom while he was giving his evidence.

The witness, Nicholas W. Hall, parent of Victor Hall, was recalled by the prosecution. He proved to be hostile, evasive, reticent and refractory. His memory seemed to be of the faultiest, and neither counsel for the prosecution nor even the defense could obtain a direct answer to a question from him. It was plainly evident that the old man was bent on doing all he could to shield the alleged slayer of his son, but his attitude of reticence and evasiveness did more to harm her defense than anything that has yet happened during the trial according to those who have followed the case.

Friends of Mrs. Hall were thrown into a panic in court just before the morning session was adjourned when the statement was made that Deputy Sheriff Trice would take the stand and swear that on April 22nd he was at Hill's store and that he examined Victor Hall's clothes and saw a bloody holster slip.

The accused, her family and the teachers who were in the house when the murder was committed, have unanimously sworn that no slip was on the holster. If the Commonwealth proves that there was a bloody holster case, and it is positive in its assertion that it will, it will be incumbent upon the defense to produce it, if it exists, or to explain why it was destroyed.

Notice has been served upon attorneys for the defense that Deputy Trice will take the stand for the prosecution.

LOST—On North St. Asaph street or King, between St. Asaph and Royal, one gold cuff link, initial J. L. L. Return to Gazette Office and receive reward. 5-3t.